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TO AGENTS.

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THE BRITISH COLONIST IS THE ONLY PAPER PUBLISHED IN THE COLONY THAT RECEIVES TELEGRAPHIC DESPATCHES.

Quartz.

A well known correspondent and practical miner elsewhere contributes a chapter on the future prospects of quartz mining in British Columbia. The subject is one of such paramount importance, and is so deeply interwoven with the future of these Colonies, that we are led to recur to the subject in the hope of exciting a more wide-spread interest in what we must regard as our chief source of wealth in the immediate future. We have before pointed out and our correspondent also reveals the fallacy and danger of seeking to found the prosperity of the country entirely on the precarious results of placer mining; the assertion needs no further or stronger proof than the experience of other gold countries, where the failure of alluvial diggings—for fail they eventually must—has brought about similar collapses. We are far from harboring the idea that our placer diggings are exhausted; on the contrary, basing our conclusions on the reports and opinions of scientific men, we hazard the belief that untold wealth lies yet untouched in the mining regions of our favored land, and that the alluvial diggings will last for years to come; but this system of mining must take its place as an auxiliary, and cannot constitute the only sustaining element in the country. The time is at hand for the achievement of greater things, and if capital and co-operative labor can be made to produce millions in lieu of thousands, that capital must be had, and a utilizing system of unfolding the treasures of the earth inaugurated forthwith. The researches of the past season have disclosed the existence of gold quartz leads of surpassing richness, so far as casual prospecting could bear witness, in several parts of the country. One lead in Cariboo has already engaged the attention of Californians, and if the assay of the rock lately sent to San Francisco proves satisfactory, will no doubt be soon taken in hand by capitalists. On Canyon Creek gold ledges have been discovered within the last three months that excel in richness, if we may rely on the reports of those who have visited that section, the richest leads they have seen in California or any other mining country; while the much abused Big Bend country is also shown to offer the greatest inducements for the investment of capital. At the head of McCulloch's Creek quartz lodes of great promise have been discovered, and there is every reason to believe, from appearances, say those who have prospected the neighborhood, that good quartz veins are abundant. The company referred to in our correspondent's letter were so much struck with the surface indications of the lead they had struck that they immediately determined upon prospecting it, and after sinking to a depth of between ten and eleven feet and finding the seam had widened out from eight inches to thirty inches, and was turning out richer the further they went down, they detached some 500 lbs. of the rock for the purposes of assay, and suspended operations for the winter. Owing to the difficulty of packing over the divide, the specimens were sent down the Columbia, but the few pounds brought to this city are sufficient to satisfy the voracious tyro in mining matters of the richness of the lead. The locality is well adapted for a quartz mill, but the miners who prospect are as a rule too poor to embark upon large speculations for the development of their discoveries without extraneous aid. There should be no difficulty in obtaining that aid when capitalists are satisfied of even a fair prospect of a return for their money. If, as our correspondent believes, the Big Bend quartz will yield from \$1500 to \$2000 per ton, the fact should be clearly established and published to the world, and there will be hope for the country. Considerable sums of money were expended by the Chamber of Commerce in making public the claims of Big Bend; could not the Chamber again render essential service to the country by collecting facts concerning our quartz interests and making known the great inducements presented for the employment of British and foreign capital? A few dollars expended in this way would be like bread thrown upon the waters.

By Electric Telegraph
SPECIAL TO THE DAILY BRITISH COLONIST.

LAST NIGHT'S DESPATCHES.

Canada.

CHICAGO, 10th.—The Fenians were arraigned at Toronto yesterday, and their trial indefinitely postponed. Another Fenian was tried and acquitted; there are only three under sentence of death: Lynch, McMahon and Stephens.

There are now 14,000 British regulars in Canada, being a larger force than has been there since the war of 1812. The residence of the Crown Prosecutor against the Fenians at Toronto is guarded by regular troops.

Toronto police are instructed to arrest all suspicious characters under suspension of the writ of Habeas corpus, and Magistrates are authorised to commit persons so arrested without trial and hold them until the 8th of June, 1867. Yesterday four arrests were made.

Eastern States.

NEW YORK, Nov. 10.—The great Eastern has been chartered to carry excursionists from New York to Brest during the Paris exhibition.

Cyrus W. Field is paying the indebtedness, caused by his failure in 1859, in full. The cholera deaths in this city during the month of October were 673.

A recapitulation of the elections in nineteen States show 130 Rep. and 32 Dem., with seven States, including Nevada, to elect 30 members. The Republicans, thus far, have a net gain of four members of Congress.

Boston, Nov. 7.—Two colored men are elected to the Massachusetts Legislature—one from Charlestown and one from Boston.

South America.

The Herald's Panama correspondent says of peace negotiations between Spain and Peru, that the latter rejects all Spanish claims for church property, and will prosecute the war with renewed vigor if Spain wishes.

Bolivia had demanded an explanation of Brazil for aiding the Spanish fleet at Rio after the defeat at Callao.

California.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 10.—The Pacific Mail S. S. Constitution sailed for Panama to-day with 250 passengers, and \$846,000 in treasure.

Arrived Nov. 10.—Bark Fremont, 24 days from Seaback; whale bark Martha, 20 days from Plover bay; whale bark John Howland, 40 days from Fox Islands; whale bark Manilla 35 days from Plover bay.

Sailed Nov. 10.—Steamer Oriflamme, Portland.

Quartz Ledges the Salvation of the Country.

Messrs. Editors:—At this juncture, when every one seems depressed in spirits and worn out with anxiety at the gloomy aspect matters have assumed, it is well worth our while to consider whether there is anything looming in the future capable of restoring the waning animation of these Colonies.

Every one of your readers must be by this time well aware of the fact that, though some transient good may result to a country from the discovery of placer diggings, no real permanent prosperity can be built on such shifting ground, and it is for having reposed too much confidence in the sustaining power of our alluvial diggings that we are now paying so dearly. On the other hand, we see countries possessing well defined metal bearing quartz ledges grow richer and richer in proportion to the rapid development of the latter. Now, have we any of the latter material which make a country prosperous and rich in the course of time? Numerous facts answer in the affirmative.

Most promising prospects have been found on Cherry creek and Bald mountain; and every one coming from Queenstown speaks highly of the great richness of the recent quartz discoveries made on Canyon Creek. From Big Bend the prospects are equally encouraging. One day, last week, I was shown by Mr. Wattelet, a practical prospector, ten pounds of quartz he extracted from a recently discovered quartz lead at the head of McCulloch Creek, one mile from the Discovery company; a better quality of quartz it has not been my lot to behold during many years of mining experience. The gold may be seen with the naked eye through the rock. From a rough guess, I should judge that it will yield from \$1500 to \$2000 per ton. This is a great deal, when we consider that the cost of mining and milling the ore is only \$13 per ton in Grass Valley, one of the most extensive mining districts in California, and in Australia, according to statistics recently furnished in your journal, they are enabled by cheaper labor and improved machinery to extract the gold from the quartz for \$2.50 per ton.

The quartz brought down by Mr. Wattelet (which may be inspected at the Hotel de France), comes from the bottom of the shaft of the Selkirk Quartz Mining Co., composed of twelve members, all hard pushing, go ahead fellows, and cost what it may, they are determined to carry matters through. Their lead, which is only 8 or 10 inches thick on the top of the ground, widens into two feet six inches at a depth of ten feet. The deeper they go, the wider and the richer seems to be their lead.

Before leaving Big Bend, they extracted five hundred pounds of quartz from the bottom of their shaft, which they brought down to the steamboat landing, but owing to the want of accommodation by this route, they entrusted the rock to parties from the other side of the line, who kindly offered to send it down to San Francisco for assay.

At the head of McCulloch Creek, outcroppings of quartz are to be seen diverging in every direction through the surface of the ground, and no doubt rich yet undiscovered ledges exist in that direction. Every-thing seems to portend that a new era of prosperity is to dawn upon these colonies.

With the above facts before us, I do not see any justifiable cause for despairing of the future of these Colonies.

But to make our hopes become bright realities, we must, by all legitimate means in our power, cause these facts to be made known to the English capitalists, who do not know where and how to invest their money with profit to themselves. To sum up all, a systematic method of co-operative labor must take the place of hap-hazard individual work.

The Charge of One Dollar for Registration of Voters.

Messrs. Editors:—I have long been of opinion that this charge of one dollar for the registration of a voter should be abolished; we all know that at every election numbers are disfranchised under its operation; some are shut out from mere forgetfulness, others from conscientious objections to this demand for the dollar. Doubtless the

money is sought for as a source of revenue; it seems to me, it should be the very last source that money for the defraying of Governmental expenses should be drawn from. We all know how strong the feeling is in any right-minded man to be making profit or pecuniary advantage out of a vote, why, then, should the Government seek to make money out of the exercise of my political rights and privileges? I submit, if there be one thing more than another that should be free as air, and to which there should be no stumbling block thrown in the way, it is with regard to the exercise of a man's vote. I am sure that no one will say that the expense on the part of the authorities amounts to anything like a dollar; would not 25c. per head be ample and more than sufficient to pay the trifling expense attendant? why, then, should the profit of 75c. per head be made from the community for the exercise of what should be so sacred a privilege? But I am opposed to any charge whatever, for surely it cannot be said that our Governmental staff are so fully occupied that they could not possibly spare time to attend to this matter.

For registration generally, and under some circumstances, I see no objection to Government levying themselves of the opportunity to make revenue; for instance, the registration of dogs. In some points of view, dogs, more especially when there are too many of them yelping and barking in the town, may be looked upon as a nuisance (the dog nuisance is a familiar phrase with us). A good charge then for the registration of dogs may have a legitimate and beneficial influence; but with regard to the registration of a man's vote there should be no charge whatever, and to insist upon one is to produce a state of things carrying with it an illegitimate and pernicious influence.

W. K. B.
Russian American Telegraph
(Private letter communicated to the "Alta California.")

ON BOARD THE BARK CLARA BELL,
PETROPOLSKY, July 17th, 1886.

The Bay of Petropolsky is completely surrounded by mountains, and I think for safety not inferior to the Bay of San Francisco. I saw no table land, although they do raise potatoes suitable to the climate, such as potatoes, lettuce, etc. We had barely entered the bay when one of the men spied a whale boat shooting around the curve steering direct towards us; in time it came up, when we had all sorts of questions to ask the most important of which was "What was the name of the boat arrived?" (We made sure that the steamer Wright would be there before us, on account of our unavoidable delay.) The answer was "Not that we were the first of the Telegraph Fleet." Then I enquired for Major S. Abasa, and was informed that he had sent word that he was sick and worn out, and could go no further than to the wharf, and wished of a gentleman with me that that our Government would send as good a vessel as he was, instead of the old Saginaw, for this is one of the best vessels in the Russian Navy. She was built in Finland, and they may well be proud of her. We found in the bay the I. B. Lunt, from San Francisco, Fisher, master, bound for the Gulf of Alaska, and the I. B. Lunt, left on the 5th. A whaler under command of Captain Sinclair, with the small fox on board (taken in some port in Japan); he had some twelve cases, seven out of the twelve died. When he first put into this port, the Spruce, or Deputy Civil Governor of Kamchatka, was going to send them off to sea again without giving them any assistance whatsoever, but the foreign residents protested against such a course, and J. W. Plüger, Esq., brother to the Russian Consul in the Sandwich Islands, built a house at his own expense, (after the Spruce refused to do anything in the matter) on the other side of the Bay, and got the sick in it. The vessel was smoked, and after staying sufficient time to get the sick out of their vessel, they put off to sea, blessing their stars that they had fallen in with a philanthropist like Mr. Plüger and the surgeon of the Russian Corvette.

THE HOUSES.

The houses are of white birch logs, covered with a few exceptions, with hay. The American merchants own the best houses in the place, having iron roofing, which is painted red. The rooms are large and comfortable, with a large brick oven in the middle of the house. They called in here for bait, and left on the 5th. A whaler under command of Captain Sinclair, with the small fox on board (taken in some port in Japan); he had some twelve cases, seven out of the twelve died. When he first put into this port, the Spruce, or Deputy Civil Governor of Kamchatka, was going to send them off to sea again without giving them any assistance whatsoever, but the foreign residents protested against such a course, and J. W. Plüger, Esq., brother to the Russian Consul in the Sandwich Islands, built a house at his own expense, (after the Spruce refused to do anything in the matter) on the other side of the Bay, and got the sick in it. The vessel was smoked, and after staying sufficient time to get the sick out of their vessel, they put off to sea, blessing their stars that they had fallen in with a philanthropist like Mr. Plüger and the surgeon of the Russian Corvette.

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THE PEOPLE.

The Kamshadals look very much like the half-breed Indians whom I have seen in Washington Territory. They are a quiet, industrious people, and very religious. They live on rye bread—the flour for which the Government brings an' sells to them at cost price—and fish. Of the last, there is a great quantity of salmon caught in a seine, and much is put up for winter use for both men and dogs, of which latter each man has a team. The men are very indolent, and will only work enough to get necessary clothing for summer use (in winter they wear furs) and tea and sugar, of which they use a great quantity and of excellent quality. They drink their tea in glass tumblers. They will also have tea a dozen times a day. If they are out working or catching fish, they will have their little pot to make their tea. In winter they go out after the Russian saib, of which about eight hundred and fifty are killed each year. These are brought up by American merchants, of whom there are three firms—formerly four, but Captain Hunter has sold out and is going home. Two of the firms send their saibs to St. Petersburg, Captain Hunter used to send his to London. Mr. Plüger sends his to Leipzig. They inform me that Russian saib cannot be sold in the United States, and never send them there. A gentleman from San Francisco sent an order for a few for his family, and those obtained for him have been the only ones sent there.

THE FOURTH OF JULY.

We were invited to a dinner given in honor of the Fourth of July by the Spruce, which came off at six p.m. The splendid band of the corvette was present and played some of our most favorite national tunes. The dinner passed off very nicely, considering that we did not understand either gentleman or lady, with the exception of a few of the corvette officers, who speak English. The was twenty to eat and drink, and on the 10th of July the Captain of the Port gave a very nice ball, which passed off splendidly, there being plenty of room. Captain Soutkay and his charming lady did their utmost to make it pass off in a hospitable manner, and

they succeeded. Neither the captain nor his lady speak English, but the madame spoke French and got along charmingly with her Acting Quartermaster. May it always be my luck to be treated with such hospitality as the Russians have uniformly treated us Americans.

The Prussian brigantine Leipsic, formerly the Ida, of San Francisco, has arrived here. She is owned by Walsh & Co., of Japan, who are in this trade. Her master, Captain Anderson, is a thorough Yankee, and a more hospitable one never sailed under the Prussian flag.

To-morrow we sail for (Hijiga).

New Advertisements.

Victoria Amateur Dramatic Association
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a special general meeting of acting and other members of the above Association will be held on WEDNESDAY MORNING, at 8.30 p.m., at the Rosemont Hotel, for the purpose of taking into consideration the reorganization of the Association upon a fresh basis and other matters connected with the Society, by order.

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French and Spanish.

Mons. B. DEFFUS, GRADUATE OF the Academie de Paris, Professor of Languages, has opened classes in French and Spanish. Mons. Deffus has had a good deal of experience in teaching; his mode of tuition being easy and effective, will be found to give satisfaction. Having lived in various parts of Mexico, including the Metropolis, Mazatlan, Ac., and being more especially a professor of the Spanish language, he is enabled to instruct in a very short time persons intending to proceed to Mexico, in the Spanish language, by which they will be enabled to speak it fluently.

To-morrow we sail for (Hijiga).

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St. Andrew's Society.

THE ANNUAL STATED MEETING of this Society will be held in the Court room, Boston street, on the evening of Tuesday, 13th inst., at Eight o'clock.

Business—The Election of Officers, Ac.
DAVID B. BLAIR, Secretary.

NOTICE.

W. H. WHITE BEGINS TO ANNOUNCE to his friends and patrons in Victoria and vicinity that he has this day, disposed of his business to Messrs Hicks & Russell. Feeling thankful for past favors, trusts his successors (before he confidently recommends) will receive a share of that patronage which for so many years has been accorded to him.

Wm. B. S., being about to leave on the next steamer for England, will thank all parties indebted to him for a prompt settlement. Address—Tromper Alley, third door from Government street.

Very respectfully,
GOVERNMENT STREET NEAR YATES, OCTOBER 9th, 1886.

FAMILY GROCERS AND PROVISION DEALERS.

IN REFERENCE TO THE ABOVE, WE beg to state that we have this day purchased from Wm. B. S. his entire business in the General Grocery and Provision line, feeling anxious that from long experience in these departments of trade, we are fully qualified to do justice to the patronage we shall endeavor to receive. We shall continue a perfect and complete assortment of goods, imported direct from the English and Continental markets; also, selections from the best stocks here. Kindly soliciting a continuance of those favors accorded to our predecessor.

We remain,
HICKS & RUSSELL,
GOVERNMENT STREET, OCT. 9th, 1886.

Produce

Commission Agency.

THE UNDERSIGNED BEG TO INFORM the FARMERS and GENERAL PUBLIC of Vancouver Island that they have opened a store on Wharf street, where they intend to carry on a Produce Commission business in all its departments. We have ample accommodation and facilities for storage of every description of Agricultural Produce. We shall endeavor by prompt action, and strict and careful attention to business, to merit the confidence of the Farmers and Settlers of this Colony.

Liberal Advances made on all Goods consigned to us.
WALLACE STEWART
NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT all persons having claims against Messrs Oppenheimer & Co., of Yale, William Creek and Fisherville, B. C., are required to send a statement of the same to the undersigned, on or before the 20th inst., or they will be deemed to have waived their claims.

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P. M. BACKUS, Auctioneer and Commission Merchant.

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